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To: Microsoft ATR

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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

First of all I do not own any Microsoft stock at this time and am not now nor will I ever be employed by Microsoft. I do use the products created by the company and have never had a complaint or felt that I my choices were being limited in any way by monopolistic practices. Prices for Microsoft products are fair to me the consumer and services have been more than satisfactory. I have felt from the beginning of the legal action that my government was suing a company on behalf of other competing companies that could not do it on their own. I am not anything more than a casual computer user that has never found a time or place where I had to use a Microsoft product when I did not want to. Just because they were able to come up with the dominant operating system for the personal computer in the right place and the right time they should not be punished continually for it. Please let the market place decide what it wants and stop wasting my tax dollars on litigation against Microsoft. In the Bible God tells us not to sue one another. Thank you, my name is John (jbtl@home.com)